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PROCESSING DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for the reassurances contained in your letter of 8 June 1961 concerning the availability to the Library of Congress of Communist Chinese publications. We are glad to know that we shall not have to depend upon a non-governmental institution for copies of such publications received first by a Federal agency.

There seems to be some misunderstanding concerning the Library of Congress position on the microfilming of scientific and technical publications as discussed in the April 26, 1960 meeting in my office. It is my recollection as well as that of several members of the LC staff who attended the meeting, that the decision reached, with the concurrence of representatives of your staff, was to await the results of acquisitions efforts to procure additional hard copies from Warsaw, Prague and Moscow before deciding finally to attempt the microfilm service on single issues of journals. So far as I know, the Library was not offered a gift of the 158,000 microfilm pages which was made to MIT. Actually, the establishment of a service center at MIT was fait accompli before it was called to our attention.

Since our last PROCIB meeting, Dr. Beal and Mr. Henshaw have met with Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to explore further the copying of Communist Chinese publications which you hold in the fields of the social sciences and the humanities and two conferences have been held with Mr. John Lindbeck, representing the Joint Committee on Contemporary China, to discuss the needs of the scholarly community for microfilm or Xerox copies of these materials which are coming into the Federal agencies.

The Library of Congress is very grateful to you and your staff for the great assistance which you have given it in publications procurement and is happy to have a reiteration of this cooperative policy in your letter of 8 June 1961.

Sincerely yours,

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